



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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OCT 22 2010

Stanley E. Levine  
1700 Grant Building  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE: MUR 5831

Dear Mr. Levine:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on October 2, 2006, concerning Softer Voices. Based on that complaint, information provided by the respondents, and information available to the public, on February 11, 2009, the Commission found that there was reason to believe Softer Voices violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 433, 434, and 441a(f), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and instituted an investigation of this matter. Also on that date, the Commission found no reason to believe that Softer Voices violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a and 434; that Santorum 2006 and Gregg R. Menlinson, in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 434; and that Softer Voices or Jack Templeton violated 2 U.S.C. § 441e. Additionally, the Commission took no action at that time with respect to Richard J. Santorum and Lisa Schiffren.

After considering the circumstances of the matter, the Commission determined on October 19, 2010, to take no further action as to Softer Voices, and closed the file in this matter. A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66,132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

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The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact me or Phillip Olaya, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Shonkwiler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark D. Shonkwiler  
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure  
General Counsel's Report

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